

REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 6, 7, 13 and 16 are amended for purposes of clarification and expediting prosecution. In view of the amendments, and in view of the arguments presented in prior amendments, the rejection under 35 USC §103 over "Zalewski" (U.S. patent 6,647,508 to Zalewski et al.) in view of "Stedman" (U.S. patent 5,986,119 to Stedman et al.) is respectfully traversed. Three features are added to further distinguish over the Zalewski-Stedman combination.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 13, and 16 have a plurality of logical console objects instantiated on the single management interface processor. Stedman's presentation space (col. 6) is asserted to correspond to the logical console object. However, in contrast to the claim limitations each of Stedman's host computers has a presentation space that contains data for display on a computer screen (col. 6, l. 1-3). There is no apparent suggestion that any one of Stedman's host computers 106a-b (FIG. 13) has multiple presentation spaces, nor a suggestion of each of the multiple presentation spaces on a single host being coupled to respective display controls (FIG. 13, #114).

The added limitations clarify that at least two console views have connections with a single system operations program. In contrast, Stedman's suggests that the display control 114 is connected to a single browser 120. Specifically, at col. 18, l. 38-41, Stedman is explicit in teaching that each browser corresponds to one host computer. Thus, Stedman is not shown to suggest these limitations.

The limitations further add that a plurality of instances of the system operations program are initiated on a plurality of computer systems. In contrast, Stedman's display controls 114a and 114b, which are asserted to correspond to the instances of the system operations program, are under the control of a single server application framework that is hosted by a single server computer 108. Furthermore, Stedman's server application framework architecture does not appear to support deploying the display controls on multiple systems. Thus, Stedman does not suggest the claim limitations.

For at least the reasons set forth above, the limitations of claims 1, 6, 7, 13, and 16, and the claims depending therefrom, are not shown to be taught by the prior art.

In addition to the limitations discussed above, claim 19 includes further limitations of:

in response to a connection request that specifies an instance of the system operations program that is not hosted on the computer system hosting the operations interface program at which the connection request was received, returning to the instance of the console view that sent the connection request, a code that identifies the one of the computer systems that hosts the instance of the system operations program specified in the connection request;

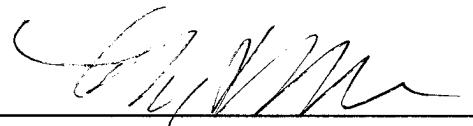
These limitations are not suggested by the Zalewski-Stedman combination. Stedman's web server process, which is asserted as corresponding to the claimed operations interface program, does not return a computer system identification code to a browser to identify a computer system that hosts a display control. Stedman's web server process forwards in HTML pages a session identifier as generated by the server application framework (col. 19, l. 54 – col. 20, l. 2), but the session identifier does not identify a computer system that hosts the display control. Thus, Stedman's teachings do not suggest the operations interface program returning to an instance of a console view a code that identifies a computer system that hosts an instance of the system operations program, and claim 19 is understood to be patentable over the Zalewski-Stedman combination.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 13-21 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this response. However, if an extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for a sufficient number of months for consideration of this response. If there are any additional fees in connection with this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (USYS.020PA).

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